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Inventor(s): Kazuyuki IKEDA
For: VARIABLE RESISTOR

Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. _____ filed _____

Enclosed are:

11 Pages of Specification
 11 Sheet(s) of drawings (formal informal)
 Declaration and Power of Attorney Will follow.
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 A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2003-071941 filed March 17, 2003, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119. Will follow
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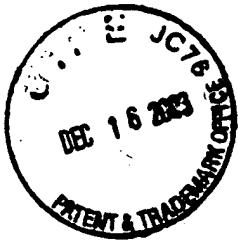
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